

I do not support the reduction of rules surrounding ownership of radio, television and newspapers that is to be determined on June 2, 2003. Let us not forget the lesson learned when Randolph Hearst became so powerful with his conglomerate of newspapers that he was capable of inciting the start of the Spanish American War with yellow journalism. Diversity and independent markets, particularly within cities is essential for diverse views to have a place for articulation and so that the public can make informed choices. I consider this recent development an extremely undemocratic and oligarchic move. Freedom of speech is essential. Oligarchy wishes to stifle freedom of speech so that their agendas can be manipulated

In any country when there is a takeover, the radio and television stations are the first things captured.